



2016 MAINE WILDLIFE PARK Summer Wildlife Days

Sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park

All programs will run from 11am - 2pm unless otherwise noted.

www.mainewildlifepark.com



Wednesday April 20 WINTER ECOLOGY WITH ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Join St. Joseph's College Professors to learn about the fascinating world of native Maine wildlife in winter! Presenters will cover topics such as wildlife survival strategies, track identification & even winter wildlife photography. There will be great activities for kids during this school vacation event!

www.sjcme.edu

MAY

Saturday May 7 BEAR BONANZA To celebrate the renovations & improvements to our black bear exhibit, join us for a day all about North American bears! Learn about polar, grizzly & black bears. Have your pictures taken with Smokey the Bear, the Bowdoin polar bear mascot, & the Maine Wildlife Park black bear mascot. Enjoy bear activities for the whole family.

Saturday May 14 ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES DAY

Join the Maine Endangered Species Coalition to learn about National Endangered Species Day on Friday, May 20. Understand the importance of protecting endangered species; & everyday actions you can take to help protect them. www.endangered.org/category/maine

AND MAINE NORDMENN DAY Scandinavian climate, wildlife & conservation practices are similar to Maine's. Learn about Scandinavian culture from folks in full native dress; see demonstrations of traditional activities like wood carving, rosemaling, weaving & Viking life. Sample delicious Scandinavian foods, enjoy Scandinavian music. Age appropriate activities for children; Scandinavian baked goods & crafts for sale. www.mainenordmenn.com

Saturday May 21 ARCHERY WITH BRYANT POND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Certified archery instructors will have equipment & targets to try your hand at this great family sport. Archery builds self-confidence, self-discipline, responsibility & leadership while promoting youth development & life skills. umaine.edu/bryantpond

Sat.-Mon. May 28 - 30 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

ANNUAL PLANT SALE The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available all day each day. www.wildlifeparkfriends.org

Saturday May 28 RED CROSS/RAYSUP BLOOD DRIVE 10:00AM – 4:00PM

The American Red Cross plays a critical role in our nation's health care system, processing about 40 percent of the blood supply! Reveal your inner hero & donate life-saving blood at our annual park blood drive. Donors who pre-register for this event receive free admission to the park & a discount for family members on this day. **You can preregister at:** www.redcrossblood.org

JUNE

Saturday June 4 WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY The park offers fantastic photo opportunities for family & wildlife pictures. Are you getting the most from your camera? Leah Haraden, a professional photographer & instructor, will be joined by other area wildlife & landscape photographers to show you some basic tips at getting those great shots of your kids, our wildlife, & even flowers. Don't miss the chance to learn this Art from professionals!

Saturday June 11 THE ANCIENT ONES This group of re-enactors, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s - 1800s. They will put up a canvas tent & have demonstrations going on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving & more. Come to see what day-to-day life really looked like 200 years ago! All day Saturday; Sunday morning 'til noon. www.theancientonesofmaine.com

Saturday June 18 MEET DONN FENDLER - 'LOST ON A MOUNTAIN IN MAINE' & LEARN ABOUT OUTDOOR SAFETY & SURVIVAL SKILLS Meet & greet the real Donn Fendler, famous for becoming lost for nearly 2 weeks on Mt. Katahdin in July of 1939. Donn will autograph his books too, which will be available for purchase in our Nature Store. (or bring your own copies) Additionally, join MDIFW Recreational Safety Instructors to learn about safety & survival in the outdoors. See demonstrations of fire building/starting; survival shelter construction, map & compass & must-have equipment you should always carry with you!

www.donnfendler.com www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety

Saturday June 25 WOLFE'S NECK FARM Join Wolfe's Neck Farm to ready the garden for summer! Discover the science of soil & seed germination, chat with our farmer, & help us plant vegetable seeds. Be sure to enter our raffle to win a week of 'Camp & Camp'. The whole family can camp at our oceanfront campground while your child spends the week at our summer day camp. wolfesneckfarm.org

JULY

Saturday July 2 WATCH OUR WILDLIFE HAVE DINNER! Visitors to the park always want to know what our wildlife eats & when! Today, we will post hourly feeding times starting at 10AM; throughout the day, watch the bears, big cats, eagles, foxes, small mammals, coyote & moose munch on their lunch!

Saturday July 9 WIND OVER WINGS is a nonprofit educational service featuring magnificent birds unable to survive in their natural environment; & have overcome extraordinary obstacles in their lives. Each bird is an individual & each has a story. Meet & photograph a kestrel, saw whet owl, great horned owl, & red tailed hawk; learn their individual stories. www.windoverwings.org

Saturday July 16 BUGS - THEN & NOW Join Jon Wallace, retired science teacher to explore the world of 'bugs'. Observe some live 'bugs' & their shed skins (exoskeletons); study pictures of some of their Maine relatives; see fossils of 'bugs'/arthropods from 550 million years ago to the "Ice Age"; & finish by looking at a 'bugs' worst nightmare, insectivorous plants!

Saturday July 23 11AM -12 noon RADICAL REACTIONS with MAD SCIENCE

Are you ready for some crazy chemistry? We'll release a genie from a bottle, spew massive columns of foam using a catalyst, cause combustion to occur with no flame, watch a gummy bear dive to its doom in a chemical reaction & more! Education can be entertaining! www.maine.madscience.org

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The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) manages the Maine Wildlife Park & all of the state's wildlife resources. We ensure the health of Maine's fisheries, wildlife & habitats for the benefit & recreational enjoyment of all users. Maine Wildlife Park admission fees, nature store sales, donations, grants, thousands of volunteer hours & the funds raised by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park make the park essentially self-supporting. A variety of in-kind administrative, engineering, human resource & other services are provided by MDIFW. We thank you for your support!

Saturday July 30 NEW ENGLAND MINERAL ASSOCIATION Learn about minerals & gemstones found in different localities in Maine; with hands on education stations & knowledgeable people to help answer questions. A great way to get started in this rewarding hobby.

www.nemineraleducation.org

AUGUST

Saturday Aug. 6 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS Join 4 local Maine chainsaw carvers Ron Carlson, Tim Pickett, Dan Burns & Andrew Logan as they use chainsaws to create eagles, bears & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. A variety of carvings will be on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs! www.woodyahbelieve.com chainsawcarverpolandmaine.weebly.com www.facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 13 & 14 ATTEAN FAMILY POW WOW Tribal representatives from Maine, New England & around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers & traditional food booths. This year, don't miss NEW activities, food, music & Grand Entry presented each day. An exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture & heritage. (All day, rain or shine).

Saturday Aug. 20 LIFE OF THE HONEYBEE Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee, & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display; & experienced bee keepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. www.mainebeekeepers.org

Fri. & Sat. Aug. 26-27 ENCHANTED FORESTS Fairy houses & gardens are incredibly popular with children today. Bring the kids to visit our fabulous human-sized fairy house, meet & have your photos taken with some 'real' fairies; then work with all natural materials to create your own miniature fairy habitats to take home with you. This is a great activity for all kids, young & old!

SEPTEMBER

Thursday Sept. 1 OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR 5:00PM-8:00PM

Stroll around the park after hours to enjoy our gardens & our wildlife. Volunteers maintain all of our beautiful & popular flower baskets, barrels & gardens; & they are in full bloom right now! Meet the Gems of Route 26 including Shaker Village, Poland Spring Resort, Preservation Park, Maine State Building & McLaughlin Garden. There will FREE ADMISSION today, from 5PM-8PM only!

Saturday Sept. 3 WILDLIFE ENRICHMENT DAY 'Enrichments' are items that provide mental & physical stimulation & exercise to captive wildlife to encourage natural behaviors, activity & play. Starting at 10am, then every hour on the hour to 3pm, watch a different species receive a new enrichment & enjoy the fun they'll have with it!

Saturday Sept. 10 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT! As a singer & songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike with his delightful & inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music & lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many songs performed will be about Maine's wild animals! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon; rain or shine: www.rickcharette.com **Sponsored by: Cole Farms Restaurant and Main Line Fence**

Sunday Sept. 11 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day, & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

Saturday Sept. 24 NORTHWOODS LAW DAY/ FISH & WILDLIFE DAY Meet some of the Maine Game Wardens of the popular Animal Planet TV show 'NorthWoods Law'. Several of this season's wardens, some with their canines, will be on hand to sign autographs & have their photos taken with their fans. A variety of Fish & Wildlife exhibits & displays will be staffed by MDIFW personnel. (9:30am-11:30am; 12:30pm-2:30pm) animal.discovery.com/tv-shows/north-woods-law

OCTOBER

Saturday Oct. 15 HARVEST DAY Fall is one of the best seasons to visit the park Watch our wildlife enjoy the same fall harvest crops that people do! Did you know that moose love pumpkins, foxes & coyotes love apples, & of course, deer love corn. Enjoy a variety of 'old-tyme' harvest games & activities for the whole family. Get your picture taken on a tractor, try your hand at rolling a barrel, & much more! Wear your "farm" clothes & be prepared to get a little dirty!

NOVEMBER

Wednesday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK

Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season.

Our 3 picnic shelters & Outdoor Classroom can be reserved for birthday parties, special occasions, family gatherings & more!

Special Wildlife programs & tours are available.

Consider volunteering at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners & Snack Shack clerks.

For more information, please call 207-657-4977 x 0; or go to

www.mainewildlifepark.com

Please Note: The Maine Wildlife Park is *not* a part of the Department of Ag, Forestry & Conservation Maine State Park Pass system.